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C O N F I D E N T I A L KATHMANDU 1457

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SUBJECT: PROSPECTS FOR NARCOTICS CONTROL LEGISLATION

1. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATIONS APRIL 9 AND 10 WITH POLICE INSPECTOR GENERAL BARAL AND PALACE FOREIGN AFFAIRS ADVISER CHIRAN THAPA, DCM WAS GIVEN CONFLICTING APPRAISALS OF PROSPECTS OF EARLY PASSAGE OF NARCOTICS LEGISLATION.

2. BARAL EXPRESSED VIEW THAT IT WAS UNLIKELY THAT LEGISLATION WOULD GO THROUGH IN THE MONSOON SESSION OF THE NATIONAL PANCHAYAT. HIS OFFICE, HE SAID, HAD ONLY RECEIVED DRAFT LEGISLATION APRIL 8 FOR COMMENT AND IT WOULD TAKE TWO WEEKS BEFORE A REPLY COULD GO BACK TO HOME MINISTRY. HE SAID THAT IF GON WAS ANXIOUS TO GET LEGISLATION THROUGH IT WOULD HAVE EXPEDITED INTERNAL CLEARANCE PROCEDURES.

3. ON THE OTHER HAND, IN SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION CHAIRAN THAPA EXPRESSED OPTIMISM THAT LEGISLATION WOULD GO THROUGH NEXT SESSION. WE NOTED THAT KING BIRENDRA HAD BEEN PERSONALLY CONCERNED AT HARDSHIP FOR PEOPLE OF WESTERN HILLS WHO WOULD BE

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AFFECTED BY BAN ON SALE OF GANJA. PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE HOWEVER

ON SUBSTITUTE CROPS AND HE EXPRESSED PERSONAL VIEW THAT THIS  
MAJOR OBSTACLE TO LEGISLATION HAD NOW BEEN OVERCOME.

4. COMMENT: IN THESE CONVERSATIONS AND IN OTHERS WE HAVE HAD  
WITH SENIOR OFFICIALS RECENTLY WE ARE CONTINUING TO STRESS  
IMPORTANCE WHICH USG ATTACHES TO NARCOTICS LEGISLATION. AMBASSADOR  
MARCH 29 WROTE LETTER TO FOREIGN MINISTER TRANSMITTING TO HIM  
TEXT OF INCB PRESIDENT GREENFIELD'S ADDRESS AT RECENT SESSION  
OF CND. IN THAT LETTER AMBASSADOR RESTATED THE "HIGH IMPORTANCE"  
WHICH USG ATTACHES TO EARLY ENACTMENT OF BASIC DRUG LAW.  
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